



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 04, 2020

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

9:00 AM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Councilmember Shari Barr gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDENCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Present	
Venus Mack	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Councilmember	Present	

Other staff present was City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Leah Harden.

3. **Recognitions/Public Presentations**

A) Presentation of the Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Jonathan McCollar read and presented the Arbor Day Proclamation to the Statesboro Tree Board. Wesley Parker Chairman of the Statesboro Tree Board recognized his board, the Beautification Commission and Keep Statesboro-Bulloch Beautiful KSBB. Mr. Parker gave the history of Arbor Day and showed what their board has been doing in the past year in the City of Statesboro. With the help of Robert Seaman's crew, 27 trees were planted on Bulloch Street and 30 trees were planted in the new dog park. The Tree Board works with the Bulloch County 4-H kids educating them about trees how to identify trees and how to properly plant trees.

B) Recognition of the City's Participation in the Tree City USA Program.

Alex Ballard an Urban Forster for South Georgia, representing the Georgia Forestry Commission presented to Mayor, Council and the Tree Board a flag for Statesboro being a Tree City USA.

C) Recognition of the Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award for the FY2020 Budget.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar read and presented to the Statesboro Finance Department the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Award. Director of Finance Cindy West stated this is the 16th consecutive year receiving this award.

4. **Public Comments (Agenda Item):** None

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 01-21-2020 Work Session Minutes

b) 01-21-2020 Council Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

6. Public Hearing & Consideration of a Motion to approve application for an alcohol license Sec. 6-5

A) G8 State LLC

DBA: G8 Stop 1

240 S Main St

Dhaval Patel/Satyam Shah/Gaurav Soni/Krupal Soni

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

A motion was made to approve the alcohol application for G8 Stop 1 located at 240 South Main Street.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

B) G8 Southern LLC
DBA: G8 Stop 2
421 Northside Dr E
Dhaval Patel/Lipika Patel

C) JDJ Partners LLC
DBA: Bull & Barrel
30 W Main St
James Peery/ Jason Franklin

D) The Southern Pony
721 S Main St #8
Jeffery Wells

E) Blue Water Seafood, LLC
DBA: Patterson's Station 67
26 Independence Way
Thomas Scarborough

F) American Multi-Cinema, INC
DBA: AMC Statesboro 12
991 Lovett Rd
American Multi-Cinema, Inc

A motion was made to open the public hearing for items 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, 6F.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Bouym
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

No one spoke for or against any of these applications.

A motion was made to approve alcohol applications for 6B: G8 Stop 2, 6C: Bull & Barrel, 6D: Southern Pony, 6E: Patterson's Station 67 and 6F: AMC Statesboro 12.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

7. **Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2020-03: A Resolution requesting approval to apply for the Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council Fireworks Tax Grant for the City of Statesboro Georgia.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2020-03.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

8. **Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2020-04: A Resolution authorizing the destruction of certain municipal records.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2020-04.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

9. **Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2020-05: A Resolution adopting the proposed codification of Sec. 6-4 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances and set issuance fee at \$250.00**

City Attorney Cain Smith explained this resolution is regarding the underage permitting language, that was not codified with the rest of Chapter 6 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances. He also stated the fee for the permit needs to be added to the City of Statesboro Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Fines.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2020-05** adopting the proposed codification of Sec. 6-4 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances and set issuance fee at \$250.00.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

10. Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2020-06: A Resolution approving application and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) application.

City Manager Charles Penny explained this grant is for the extension of Akins Boulevard from Veteran’s Memorial Parkway through Georgia Southern University’s “South Campus” to connect with Tormenta Way in the Old Register TAD. Georgia Southern University would provide all necessary matching funds.

Councilmember Shari Barr noted she has concern of this extension going through wetlands, but has been assured this will be mitigated and we will be as gentle on our earth as we possibly can.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2020-06** approving application and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) application.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

11. Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2020-07: A Resolution accepting Right of Way of Bethany Way as a Public Street to be owned and maintained by the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2020-07** accepting Right of Way of Bethany Way as a public street to be owned and maintained by the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
SECONDER:	Councilmember Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

12. Consideration of a Motion to approve the amended Development Agreement with JGR concerning the placement of public infrastructure within the Old Register TAD and City reimbursement to developer for placement of said public infrastructure.

A motion was made to approve the amended Development Agreement with JRG concerning the placement of public infrastructure within the Old Register TAD and City reimbursement to developer for placement of said public infrastructure.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

13. Other Business from City Council

Councilmember John Riggs announced the grand opening of the Statesboro Bulloch County Law Enforcement training facility will be held on February 5, 2020 at 10:45 am.

Councilmember Phil Boyum asked what the City of Statesboro has for Food Trucks. He was under the impression they are not allowed per City of Statesboro Code of Ordinances. City Attorney Cain Smith said we do not have anything in our ordinance addressing food trucks but this is currently in discussion with the City Planning and the Statesboro Fire Department regarding proper enforcement and approval mechanisms in order to issue any kind of permit/license.

A motion was made to direct the City Attorney to put together an Ordinance for Food Trucks in the City of Statesboro to be presented at a future Council Work Session. (no specific date was given)

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Mayor Jonathan McCollar congratulated City Clerk, Leah Harden for completing her Municipal Clerk Certification.

Councilmember Shari Barr stated City Council is nonpartisan and will not be endorsing any candidates but wanted to know if it would be ok from the podium to share the information of a meet and greet today of a candidate running for U.S. Senate in Georgia to represent us. Mayor Jonathan McCollar stated if it is open to the public, he has no issues with it.

Councilmember Barr shared that Teresa Tomlinson first female mayor of Columbus, Georgia is running for U.S. Senate to unseat David Perdue. There is a meet and greet this afternoon from 5 pm – 7 pm at Luetta Moore Park, if you want to learn more about her.

14. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny stated there is a notice from the City Clerk in their packet for vacancies on the Keep Statesboro-Bulloch Beautiful Board with 3 vacancies, Statesboro Tree Board with 3 vacancies and Statesboro Beautification Commission with 4 vacancies which need to be filled. Mayor and Council should turn their nomination into the City Clerk and she will compile a list and send it out for review.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar would like the application put out for the public so if persons outside of our circle would like to serve the City can apply also. Mayor McCollar would like the applications out to the public for 30 days and then brought back for approval on the second meeting in March.

Mr. Penny introduced our two new Code Enforcement Officers Charles Brown and Jermaine Foster.

15. Public Comments (General)

A) **Marsha Twiggs speaking about the ditch in front of her house and would like a sidewalk put in for safety reasons.**

Marsha Twiggs was not present at the meeting. City Manager Charles Penny stated he had talked to her.

There were no other public comments.

16. Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” “Real Estate” and/or “Potential Litigation” in accordance with O.C.G.A 50-14-3(b)

At 9:38 am a motion was made to enter into executive session.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

At 10:20 am a motion was made to exit executive session.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting back to order.

17. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

The meeting was adjourned 10:21 am